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WASHINGTON, D. C.

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1855.

DON'T FORGET

That the *National Era* will be sent to clubs of five or more from the first week in April to the last in December, at the rate of \$1 a copy for each subscriber. Every subscriber is at liberty to constitute himself an agent for raising a club.

WE KEEP IT STANDING.

We keep standing the form of the first number of *Facts for the People*, so that we may supply subscribers from the start. We wish those who intend to take it, would make haste. Whirr cannot every subscriber who has received a specimen copy, order half a dozen, or more? Can he find anything in that line at once so good and cheap?

UNDERSTAND IT.—A friend out in Iowa, sending us a club for the *Era*, says,—“After doing all I can for the *Era*, I will see if I can do anything for *Facts for the People*. That is the right way. First, the *Era*, then, *Facts*.

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TRUE MEET TO REPENTANCE.—A subscriber in Livingston county, New York, says: “Having been zealously instrumental in elevating General Pierce to the station he now occupies, I am anxious to stow away for my error in spreading *Facts for the People*, so as to mitigate the evil of his exaltation, so far as in my power.” This is “bring forth fruit meet for repentance.”

TRUTH TECNICALLY DECLARED.—“Let us say a subscriber in Ohio, “to get Anti-Slavery once more on the main track, and not switch off for fear of collision”—for, freighted with humanity, we have a right to the road, as other parties are freight or merchant train only, and it is their business to clear the track when they hear the whistle of the passenger train.”

CONTRACTS IN CHINAH.—A subscriber, writing from Pekin, Niagara county, New York, says:

“The ground this morning (May 8th) is covered with snow, the depth of three or four inches, and a storm of rain and snow unusually severe for the season, is still going on.

Another subscriber, writing to us, February 11th, from the Willamette Valley, in Oregon, laying two or three degrees further north than Pekin, says:

“It is a beautiful and healthy country, great for grazing, can't be beat for wheat, oats, and all kinds of vegetables—cabbages, lettuce, and turnips grow here in abundance, and strawberries are in bloom while I am writing.”

Who could freeze in Pekin in May, when he might eat strawberries and cream in Willamette in February?

ANTI-SLAVERY MEETINGS IN NEW YORK. The American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society held no public meeting this year, but a benefit meeting, Tuesday, the 9th.

The American Anti-Slavery Society celebrated its anniversary on Wednesday evening, in the Metropolitan Theatre, the principal speaker being Wendell Phillips, W. L. Garrison, Theodore Parker, Miss Browne, &c. The range of discussion, as usual, was very comprehensive; the audience were thronged; and the most severe denunciations of the Union were applauded, Captain Ryders not being on hand to protect the Constitution.

NO CHOLERA IN KANSAS.—The suspicion we have expressed in another column, that the rumors of cholera in Kansas was set afoot to check the tide of Eastern migration, is confirmed, we see, by a communication in the New York *Tribune*, from M. T. Conway, of Kansas, now in Baltimore, who does not hesitate to pronounce it utterly false.

“BELL SMITH ABROAD.”

J. C. Derby, of New York, has at last escaped in a handsome volume, beautifully printed, with spirited illustrations from Paris, a brilliant Letters of “Bell Smith Abroad,” which our readers will find well worth the cost, up to time, within the last two years. We need not say one word to them of their merits. In freshness, piquancy, and delightful episodes, illustrative of foreign life and manners, they have rarely been equalled.

GOVERNOR GARDNER AND THE CONSERVATIVE PRESS.

The *National Intelligencer* and the Southern Whig and Know Nothing Press seem to have generated the character of Governor Gardner. Their praise of his marvellous independence and ability is most extravagant. Daniel Webster himself hardly received more high-flown compliments. Nothing so manly, so loyal, so heroic, so grand, has been done since the time old John Adams deserved, as counsel, the British soldiers. In fact, it is difficult to say who will here be more honored by popularity, Governor Gardner or Judge Loring.

This is precisely the kind of interest offered to Northern men, great enough to overcome their prejudices in favor of liberty—interest which has turned the heads of many better men than these two worthless, who were never deemed men of much, till they had done an act peculiarly acceptable to the Slave Interest.

The Independent is the title of a new weekly paper at Indiana, Pennsylvania, conducted by James and J. W. Moorehead, father and son. Human Freedom, Education, Temperance, and Moral Integrity, are the objects it seeks mainly to promote. Ability, usefulness, and propriety, are impressed upon the very appearance of this paper, and our best wishes are with it.

In the Massachusetts Senate, on the 12th, a bill was introduced incorporating Donald McRae, George Upton, Enoch Train, B. Hall, and James M. Beebe, their associates, messengers, &c., as the Boston and European Steamship Company, with a capital of \$2,000,000.

Hon. A. H. Stephen, of Georgia, has published a long letter, declining a re-election to Congress, and expressing his strong opposition to the Know Nothing.

Rev. Dr. S. H. Tyng has become one of the editors of the *Puritan Churchman*.

THE CONFLICT IN KANSAS—THE CAUSE AND THE REMEDY.

The conflict continues in Kansas. The pro-slavery filibusters have resolved that Kansas shall be a Slave State, and they stand ready to maintain the resolve by force of arms. The election to fill the vacancies announced by Governor Beeber, takes place on the 22d of this month; the Governor will not be there; and the scenes of the 30th April will doubtless be repeated, if necessary. As it is, only one Anti-Slavery man is returned to the Legislature, MARTIN F. CONWAY, formerly of Baltimore. Even should all the vacancies be filled with Anti-Slavery men, an event not to be expected, the majority of the body will be pro-slavery, and we know enough of the unscrupulous character of the party it represents, to know that the first business will be to oust Mr. Conway, for the claim set up is, that the whole power of deciding on the qualifications of the members, although vested by the act organizing the Territory in the Governor, resides in the Legislature.

Mr. Conway received majorities in five districts, but there was a small product, about 150 miles distant, on the Santa Fe road, containing not more than twenty-two settlers, all Missouri pro-slavery men. The Association that planned the invasion of Kansas, the piratical conspiracy to seize Cuba, the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, and the late violent and bloody doings in Kansas, are the legitimate results of the policy of voting for Compromise candidates, as they are styled, for the Presidency.

An open, a resolute course, against any wrong, is the best. Those who believe the Fugitive Slave Act unconstitutional and odious, should treat it accordingly. Let them make known their administration odious, so odious, that no man who values his reputation or chances for political preferment within its bounds, will have anything to do with it. Let no man be allowed to hold the office of a State Judge, who will accept an appointment from the Federal Government, binding him, in his judgment, to administer that Act, as the “National” Compromise platform, and its delegates, say the *New York Herald*, will go to Philadelphia, prepared to elect the Massachusetts friends to the party.

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THE REFUSAL OF GOVERNOR GARDNER TO REMOVE JUDGE LORING.

Governor Gardner has declined to accede to the request of the Legislature for the removal of Judge Loring, for reasons stated in a message sent to the House of Representatives, May 10th.

The first reason is a constitutional one. The power of removing a judge, on address from the Legislature, is conferred in the proviso to Art. 1, chap. 3d, of the Constitution of the State, in the following words:

“Provided, nevertheless, that the Governor, with the consent of the Council, may remove them, upon address of both Houses of the Legislature.”

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THE ANNIVERSARIES.

During the past week the newspapers of New York have been, to a great extent, occupied with reports of the proceedings of the various religious and benevolent societies, the anniversary celebrations of which have been conducted in that city. Many of these reports are minute, faithful, and satisfactory, while others are less than caricatures of the events pretended to be described. No just and wise person will regard as authentic any report not approved by the body whose transactions it professes to record.

We shall dove a brief epistle of each from such sources as we regard as most reliable.

THE AMERICAN SLAVEMAN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

The Anniversary of this Society attracted a large audience to the Tabernacle Monday evening. Interesting addresses were delivered. P. Park Esq., occupied the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Stuart. The shaft of the Report was read by the Secretary, Rev. Mr. Spalding.

The Report alludes to the allegation considered and answered one year ago, that there has been an improvement among slaves, and signs found for the moral regeneration.

1. Within the last five years, some 1,600 energetic seamen have left American vessels for the gold fields in Australia, and probably twice this number to California.

2. Many excellent Northern seamen, Stephen Danes, &c., who served in American vessels for higher wages than they could get elsewhere, have been sent to the Enderby wharves.

3. In view of the better opportunities here, have lately left for a home on the land; prompted, some by better prospects of a pecuniary livelihood, and some, that they may enjoy social and religious blessings which they cannot have on the sea.

4. Combined with these causes, producing a great scarcity of seamen, the tonnage of American vessels has increased 75 per cent. Within the last ten years, and called a general meeting of the vessel owners, in order to man the vessels, there has been a necessary slipping of many incompetent, worthless, and wicked specimens of humanity.

Mr. H. H. Sweeny, related many incidents of a varied experience, in a disursive and pleasant style. He was pastor of the Bethel in New York, where he said he had seen converted sailors of seven different nationalities, and of various creeds.

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The President introduced Rev. Dr. Bettelheim, who spoke at Loochow, China, and then addressed a testimony to the efforts of the officers and sailors of an American frigate, and went on to testify his interest in the seaman's cause. The meeting was closed with the doxology and benediction.

AMERICAN ANTI-SLAVERY UNION.

This Union celebrated its Sixth Annual Meeting at the Tabernacle on Tuesday morning. Rev. Dr. De Witt presided. The preliminary exercises were singing, reading of the Scriptures, (2d Psalm,) and prayer by Rev. Dr. Tyng.

A vote of thanks was passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

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AMERICAN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

This Union celebrated its Sixth Annual Meeting at the Tabernacle on Tuesday morning. Rev. Dr. De Witt presided. The preliminary exercises were singing, reading of the Scriptures, (2d Psalm,) and prayer by Rev. Dr. Tyng.

A vote of thanks was passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

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UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

At the Mercer street Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening, Professor Henry B. Smith, D. D., was in the pulpit in the Professorship of Systematic Theology in the Seminary, and Dr. Smith has simply changed Professorships; having formerly occupied another Chair in the same Institution.

The anniversary exercises of the Seminary took place yesterday evening, at the Mercer street Presbyterian Church. The graduating class numbered twenty-five young gentlemen. Only five of the class delivered addresses. The opening prayer was offered by Mr. Garrison, Vice President of the American Anti-Slavery Society. Theology in the Seminary, and Dr. Smith has simply changed Professorships; having formerly occupied another Chair in the same Institution.

The anniversary exercises of the Seminary was held in the Broadway Tabernacle, on Thursday evening, April 21st. Rev. Dr. Tyng, President of the Seminary, opened the exercises with a sermon on the 20th of April, and the Annual Report of the Seminary was read by Rev. Dr. Baird.

The "Bible and the Koran" was considered by T. C. Towbridge, of Michigan. He held that human freedom is not absolute, but dependent in its character.

The "History of Colonization" by H. S. Sweeny was the theme of Prof. Timothy H. Potter, of Waterbury Connecticut.

The last speaker was Gardner Spring Plummer, of New York. His subject was, "The Puritan Fathers of the Seventeenth Century."

The Rev. Dr. Baird made a brief address to the graduating class.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH.

A number of the friends and supporters of the Reformed Dutch Church, in New York, were held Monday night, in the large and elegant Church in Lafayette Place and Fourth street, Rev. J. M. Farris, formerly of Park and Tarrytown, and now (with the assistance of the Domestic Missionary Society) laboring in the city to which he is attached) laboring for the advancement of the Reformed Dutch Church in Chicago, go, addressed the congregation on the subject of their labors.

Rev. Dr. Baird detailed the result of his labors and experiences in Buffalo.

Rev. Dr. Betheune followed, Rev. Dr. Gordon then read a resolution pledging the members of this congregation to aid, by their donations and efforts, in the work of spreading the mission in the West. The resolution was carried unanimously; after which, the Chairman gave a benediction, the meeting adjourned sine die.

DUTCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

On Saturday evening, the Rev. Dr. De Witt, in his church in Lafayette Place, the annual sermon of the Association; previous to which, Rev. Dr. Baird gave a brief outline of the operations of that section of missionary effort.

THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

On Monday afternoon, the annual meeting of the Board was convened in Cense street, Rev. Dr. Betheune, in the pulpit.

The Rev. Dr. Baird, Doctor Robert Daniel, Jonathan Cogswell, Daniel V. McLean, James W. Alexander, William P. Brewster, J. R. Lowrie, Rev. J. Wilson, Mr. Robert Carter, Mr. Thomas Pringle, Mr. Jasper Cornings, and others.

Two receipts from all sources, during the past year, have been \$124,047.17, and the expenditures \$15,705.10, leaving a general balance in the treasury of \$108,342.00.

The amount of money arising from the sale of Indian mohawks, and appropriated to Indian missions in Kansas and Nebraska, \$2,822.

This amount was received by the Board, and given to the cause of the mustard seed—Matthew xiii, 32.

AMERICAN BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

There was a meeting on Monday evening, at the First Baptist Church, in Centre street, Brooklyn, to which the Rev. Dr. Becker, After a prayer by Rev. A. D. Gillette, the Annual Report of the Curators was read by Mr. George J. Jones, Jr., of Philadelphia. The Report of the Committee on the history of the Society was read by Mr. George J. Jones, Jr., of Philadelphia.

Rev. Dr. Williams then came forward and elaborated a paper, giving an historical account of the career and services of Roger Williams, the founder of the Colony of Rhode Island, and of the early struggles for religious liberty in England.

SOCIETY FOR THE AMELIORATION OF THE CONDITION OF THE JEWS.

The annual sermon before the Society for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Jews, was delivered Monday evening, by Rev. Mr. McGregor, of the Tabernacle, the Society, a new Reformed Dutch Church, corner of Fifth and Twenty-first street. There was a very large attendance. The basis of the discourse was 1st Corinthians vi, 26, 27, 28, 29.

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NEW YORK STATE COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

The Twenty-third Anniversary of this Society was observed Monday evening, at the Reformed Dutch Church in Lafayette Place, The President of the Society, Ason G. Phelps, occupied the chair.

The Rev. Joseph Holbrook, D. D., opened the exercises with prayer. The report of the Board of Directors was read by Rev. Dr. Chapman.

The Report alludes to the allegation considered and answered one year ago, that there has been an improvement among slaves, and signs found for the moral regeneration.

1. Within the last five years, some 1,600 energetic seamen have left American vessels for the gold fields in Australia, and probably twice this number to California.

2. Many excellent Northern seamen, Stephen Danes, &c., who served in American vessels for higher wages than they could get elsewhere, have been sent to the Enderby wharves.

3. In view of the better opportunities here, have lately left for a home on the land; prompted, some by better prospects of a pecuniary livelihood, and some, that they may enjoy social and religious blessings which they cannot have on the sea.

4. Combined with these causes, producing a great scarcity of seamen, the tonnage of American vessels has increased 75 per cent. Within the last ten years, and called a general meeting of the vessel owners, in order to man the vessels, there has been a necessary slipping of many incompetent, worthless, and wicked specimens of humanity.

Mr. H. H. Sweeny, related many incidents of a varied experience, in a disursive and pleasant style. He was pastor of the Bethel in New York, where he said he had seen converted sailors of seven different nationalities, and of various creeds.

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AMERICAN SWEDEN-BORGIAN SOCIETY.

The Second Anniversary of the Swedensborg Printing and Publishing Society was held on Wednesday evening, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Emanuel Street, Brooklyn, and now (with the assistance of the Domestic Missionary Society) a section of the Foreign and American Society, which is to be added to the original.

The Society, which was the immediate predecessor of the Foreign and American Society, was organized in 1837, it has been conducted by Dr. Marsh, the Corresponding Secretary.

The officers of the Society are Lewis Tapen, President; James McNamee, Vice President; W. E. Whiting, Treasurer; William G. Miller, Samuel W. Whipple, George Whipple, William H. Phillips, Charles B. Ray, John W. Hill, William T. Dawley, H. D. Shaw, G. S. Wells.

SENIATOR SUMNER'S LECTURE.

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